

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. P08616US00/BAS US App. No. <i>Not known, see 37CFR 1.5)</i> 10/532108
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP03/013427	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 21 OCTOBER 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 22 OCTOBER 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION: AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL GRANULAR COMPOSITION ...		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: KURITA, Kazunori et al.		

Applicant herewith submits to the US Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ 2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
- ☒ 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- ☒ 4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
- ☒ 5. A **copy** of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - ☐ a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - ☒ b. has been communicated by the International Bureau
 - ☐ c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☒ 6. An English translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - ☒ a. is attached hereto.
 - ☐ b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
 - ☐ c. is not needed since the International Application is in English.
- ☒ 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Appln. under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371 (c)(3))
 - ☐ a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - ☐ b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - ☐ c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - ☒ d. have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ 8. An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- ☒ 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- ☐ 10. An English translation of the annexes to the Int'l Pre. Exam. Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:

- ☐ 11. An **Information Disclosure Statement** under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
- ☒ 12. An **Assignment** document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 & 3.31 is included.
- ☒ 13. A **preliminary amendment**.
- ☐ 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
- ☐ 15. A substitute specification.
- ☐ 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
- ☐ 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 & 37 CFR 1.821-825.
- ☐ 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).
- ☐ 19. A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).

20. **Other items or information:**

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard.
- ☐ A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith, and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized in 21(c).
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Date: 21 APRIL 2005

U.S. APPLICATION NO. 107532108		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP03/013427		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. P08616US00/BAS	
The following fees have been submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21. Basic national fee		\$300		\$ 300	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 22. Examination fee					
<input type="checkbox"/> IPER prepared by USPTO & all claims satisfy PCT Art. 33(1-4)		\$100		\$ 200	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All other situations		\$200			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 23. Search fee					
<input type="checkbox"/> Has been paid on the Int'l Appln. to the USPTO as ISA (37 CFR 1.445.a.2)		\$100		\$ 400	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office		\$400			
<input type="checkbox"/> All other situations		\$500			
TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23				\$ 900	
<input type="checkbox"/> SIZE FEE: sheets - 100 = ÷ 50 = [rounded up] × \$250 =				\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e))		\$130		\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	11 - 20 =		X \$50 =	\$	
Independent Claims	1 - 03 =		X \$200 =	\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360 =	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 900	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status - 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above reduced by ½.				\$	
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 900	
<input type="checkbox"/> Processing fee for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f))		\$130		\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 900	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee for recording enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). Assignment must be accompanied by appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31)		\$40 per property		\$ 40	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 940	
Amount to be				Refunded	\$
				Charged	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> a. A CHECK in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Payment of \$ 940 is made by attached Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0555. <input type="checkbox"/> d. Do not charge any claim fees now - any additional claims fees will be paid with the Missing Requirements.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
POWER OF ATTORNEY & CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS: CUSTOMER NO. 00881 Date: 21 APRIL 2005			NAME: B. Aaron Schulman REG. NO.: 31877 Signed (for) by: <u>Douglas E. Johnson</u> REG. NO.: 28518		